GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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REDUCTION IN PULSE RATE
SURESH KODIKUNNIL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing pulse rate of 3 minutes is proposed to be reduced to 2 minutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to revert to the old pulse rate of 3 minutes; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The telecom Regulatory authority of India (TRAI) has, vide its 24th amendment to Telecom Tariff Order (TTO) 1999, announced new tariffs on 24.01.2003, in which the existing pulse rate of 3 minutes has been reduced to minutes in the case of land-lines. This will come into effect from 01.04.2003.

(c) & (d) As per The TRAI act 1997, as amended in 2000, the power of tariff fixation for telecom services is mandated to the TRAI, which is now the only Authority for exercising this power. Service providers (including PSUs), however, have the flexibility of having their own tariff packages within the ceilings/floors prescribed by TRAI.